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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Application of)	Group Art Unit: 3721
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Andrew Perkins et al.)	Examiner: Huynh, Louis K.
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Serial No. 10/087,897)	Attorney Docket No. 006759.00016
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Filed: March 1, 2002)	Confirmation No.: 4526
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For: Methods And Apparatus For)	
Inflating And Sealing Pillows)	
In Packaging)	

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Respectfully submitted,

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		US- 3,262,833	07-26-1966	Zelnick	
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<u>Application Type</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee(\$)</u>	<u>Fee(\$)</u>	<u>Fee(\$)</u>	<u>Fee(\$)</u>	<u>Fee(\$)</u>	<u>Fees Paid (\$)</u>
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	_____
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	_____
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	_____
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	_____
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	_____

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<u>Fee Description</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180
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